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Pursuant to Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 12, and Local Rule 6-1(a), Defendants
SAFEWAY INC. and SAFEWAY BENEFIT PLANS COMMITTEE (collectively, the "Safeway
Defendants") and Plaintiff DENNIS M. LORENZ ("Plaintiff") hereby stipulate, by and through
their respective counsel, to extend the time by which the Safeway Defendants have to respond to
Plaintiff's second amended complaint ("SAC") and, in support thereof, state as follows:

WHEREAS, Plaintiff's SAC was filed on November 21, 2016 (Docket No. 31);

WHEREAS, the Safeway Defendants filed a motion to dismiss Plaintiff's SAC on December 15, 2017 (Docket No. 38);

WHEREAS, the Court granted in part and denied in part the Safeway Defendants' motion to dismiss Plaintiff's SAC by order dated March 13, 2017 (Docket No. 58);

WHEREAS, Plaintiff's counsel informed the Court and the Safeway Defendants at the March 15, 2017 scheduling conference that Plaintiff may seek leave to further amend his SAC to drop his class action allegations in light of the Court's order dismissing Plaintiff's prohibited transaction claims against the Safeway Defendants and Defendant Great-West Life Financial RPS LLC;

WHEREAS, at the March 15, 2017 case management conference, the Court set a deadline for Plaintiff to elect whether the case will proceed as a class action on March 31, 2017 (Docket No. 67);

WHEREAS, pursuant to Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 12(a)(4)(A), Defendants' deadline to respond to Plaintiff's SAC is currently March 27, 2017;

WHEREAS, Defendants' response to Plaintiff's SAC will necessarily be affected should Plaintiff further amend his SAC to drop his class action allegations;

WHEREAS, this stipulation regarding an extension for Defendants to respond to Plaintiff's SAC will not alter any dates set by the Court;

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## [PROPOSED] ORDER

The deadline for the Safeway Defendants to respond to Plaintiff's SAC, or to a further amended complaint filed by Plaintiff in this action prior to the March 31, 2017 cut-off set by the Court in its case management order, shall be extended to: April 18, 2017.

## IT IS SO ORDERED.

DATED: March 17, 2017

Hon Jon S. Tigar United States District Judge